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1. (Secret - JMM) Talked to John Lehman, of Dr. Kissinger's staff in the White House, regarding Senator Gravel's (D., Alaska) publication of an expanded edition of the Pentagon papers. Lehman said he assumed that press stories to the effect that this material was already in the hands of the Beacon Press were true. I said in this case Title 18, Section 793, paragraphs d and e of the U. S. Code should apply. I noted that these sections make it a crime to retain unauthorized possession of material relating to the national security which might be used to cause injury to the United States. Lehman said he didn't know whether Justice had considered proceedings against Beacon on this basis, but understood that a policy of "no subpoenas" had been laid down by high authority. I said it seemed to me that if the material was now in the hands of Beacon it would be more sensible to deal with the problem with them than with the Senate. However, I said I found that one of my colleagues was personally acquainted with the Senator and members of his staff and would return from vacation this weekend and we would see if he was in a position to help us.

2. (Confidential - JMM) At the Director's request, I called Senator Stennis (D., Miss.) and made a date for the Director to see him in his office at 11:30 a.m. tomorrow, 20 August 1971. 25X1

25X1 3. (Internal Use Only - JGO) Met with Mr. Drury Blair, Senate Immigration and Naturalization Subcommittee staff, concerning [redacted], a bill for the relief of [redacted] which is under consideration in the Committee. See Memorandum for the Record.

4. (Unclassified - LLM) Mark Bisnow, in the office of Representative George Danielson (D., Calif.), asked if we could give out the CIA budget figures to a constituent and I told him that this information was not made public, which he seemed to appreciate and understand. I briefly explained some of the fiscal controls of the Agency within the Executive and Legislative Branches and offered to send him material on this which he declined for the present.

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